Raj have been regularly reviewing the progress of implementation of the panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) (PESA) Act, 1996. Keeping in view the slow progress in this regard, the naxalite affected States have been asked to ensure effective implementation of the Act.

Involvement of film stars amongst bookies in Cricket matches

†1028. SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that names of some film stars have figured amongst bookies involved in cricket matches;

(b) if so, whether Government would conduct a high level inquiry in order to save the entire film industry from getting a bad name; and

(c) if so, by when the said inquiry would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT): (a) During investigation by the Crime Branch, Mumbai, it was revealed that a few film personalities used to indulge in betting in cricket matches. The investigation is yet to be completed.

(b) The Union Government does not intend to conduct any separate inquiry on the matter.

(c) Does not arise.

Talks with Bangladesh regarding border fencing

1029. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recently held Foreign Secretary level talks between India and Bangladesh has resulted in any breakthrough over the issue of border fencing by India along its borders with Bangladesh;

(b) whether the 1975 border guidelines forbid putting up fences up to 150 yards of international border; and

(c) whether in contrast to BSF, the Bangladeshi Rifles are capable

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

enough to prevent illegal entry from the Indian side without resorting to fencing of their borders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The matter relating to border fencing within 150 yards of the Indo-Bangladesh Border was taken up with Bangladesh Government in the Foreign Secretary's Level talks. But the Bangladesh Government did not respond favourably to our plea on the ground that the Joint India Bangladesh Guidelines for Border Authorities-1975 prohibits construction of defensive structure within 150 yards of international border. Government of India has been trying persistently to convince Bangladesh Government that the erection of fence does not violate the Joint India Bangladesh Guidelines for Border Authorities-1975 as the border fence is beneficial for both the countries in curbing trans-border crime.

(c) There is no illegal entry from India into Bangladesh.

Initiatives to solve Ayodhya dispute

1030. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated any move to solve the Ayodhya dispute;

(b) if so, would Government Place before the House the blue print of such plan;

(c) who are the people and parties involved in such initiative; and

(d) if not, why the Government has not initiated such a move?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Four title suits relating to the Ram Janam Bhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute at Ayodhya are pending before the Lucknow Bench of Allahabad High Court. Day to day hearing in the title suits is continuing. Government of India is not a party to any of these suits.

The Government is of the view that the Ayodhya dispute can be resolved either through mutual agreement among all the parties concerned